

Train the Trainer Equine Handling Workshop

Date: May 17, 2024

Location: Center for Equine Health

Thank you for your interest in attending the CVET-hosted Equine Handling Workshop on May 17th, 2024 at the Center for Equine Health (CEH), University of California, Davis. Due to the extremely high level of interest in this training event and a limit of approximately 50 participants, CVET has elected to require an application for those interested in attending. **One application is required for each team (not each member of the team).** This document includes general information about the course as well as an application that will be reviewed for consideration of participation. Please complete this application and email the following documents to cvet@ucdavis.edu by **March 30th, 2024**.

Course Description

This Equine Handling Workshop will cover basic equine handling techniques as well as basic first aid procedures and provide an awareness level of knowledge of equine behavior and herd dynamics. The goal of the course, through a train-the-trainer approach, is to empower animal disaster responders with a basic knowledge of equine handling and behavior, to enhance the safety of responders, and elevate the care for affected animals. Course participants are expected to take information and lessons learned to train other members of their team to increase their response capabilities.

Course Information

This is a voluntary course that is being provided at no cost to the participants. Information provided will be presented in both virtual (pre-recorded webinar) and in-person formats, with a requirement to watch pre-recorded material prior to the day of hands-on training. On the day of the course, half of the day will be spent hands-on with live horses, while the other half of the day will be discussion/lecture based training.

Requirements

- Completion of respective organization's basic responder requirements
- Completion of online modules prior to in-person sessions (links to be provided in future emails to confirmed participants)
- Course participants will make all efforts to utilize this training and resources provided to train other CART/animal response team/animal services members
- Review of possible zoonosis risks:
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/horses.html>
 - <https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/units/occupational-health/surveillance-system/zoonotic-diseases>

Safety

- All participating horses will be vaccinated for rabies
- Rabies and tetanus vaccines for participants strongly recommended
- Long pants and closed-toed shoes required
- If injury occurs, participants will be required to fill out an incident report form

Course Leaders

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Learning Objectives

1. Participants will be able to demonstrate how to correctly and safely halter a horse in a pen, lead it out, walk figure 8, back three steps, lead in and release.
2. Participants will be able to safely assess hydration and identify when a veterinarian should be called for further assessment and treatment.
3. Participants will demonstrate how to lift and clean all four feet safely.
4. Participants will describe and demonstrate safe zones around a standing and down horse including blind spots.
5. Participants will demonstrate safe handling for the taking of vital signs.
6. Participants will be able to safely place and remove a fly mask and a blanket.
7. Participants will be able to tie a quick release knot.
8. Participants will be able to describe how to safely load and unload horse onto trailer.
9. Participants will observe and practice how to safely remove and release a horse from field of horses.
10. Participants will demonstrate how to place a leg wrap safely.
11. Participants will demonstrate how to apply eye ointment safely and effectively.
12. Participants will demonstrate how to administer oral medication.
13. Participants will discuss actions to take if they find a horse loose or entrapped.
14. Participants will discuss the basics of basic equine behavior and herd dynamics and identify behavioral cues for when dangerous behavior is impending.

Additional Resources

Additional information regarding horses, safety around horses, potential hazards, and other additional information can be found on these links:

- <https://extension.psu.edu/safe-horse-handling>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/healthypets/pets/horses.html>
- <https://extension.msstate.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development-animal-systems/safety-awareness-equine>
- <https://www.ponyclub.org/Volunteers/Safety/>
- <https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/units/occupational-health/surveillance-system/zoonotic-diseases>

Take Home Resources

Upon completion of this course, participants will be provided the following materials to allow for the training of other CART/animal response team/animal services members:

- Course Notes
- Instructional videos